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Milo A. Barney, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Barney:

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining has recently received letters from Mr. Michael D. Gallivan, the State Historic Preservation Officer, requesting archeological surveys for the three most recent proposed mines located on State Land. These are the Ziegler Chemical Ute-32 Gilsonite Mine, the Thomas E. Redd Whirlwind Mine, and the 5-M Corporation Coal Mine. You were also sent a letter concerning the last two on April 12th 1978.

I spoke with Mr. Wilson G. Martin about the purpose, nature, and who was to bear the expense of the requested archeological survey. He stated that the survey could not be conducted by his division due to lack of funds and personnel. Therefore, the expense of the survey rests on the mine operator.

A letter has been sent to Ziegler and 5-M Corp., informing them of the request and explaining that the survey is indeed a request and not a requirement. A written reply to the request is also asked for.

In the future, a closer scrutiny of the proposed mine plans should be made before a request for an archeological survey is made. For instance, the Redd Whirlwind Mine is a reactivation of a previously existing mine and any archeological sites would have been destroyed in the past. In addition, only the minerals are owned by the State. The surface is owned by the United States and is administered by the Bureau of Reclamation. Lastly, we have received a letter from Mr. Gallivan stating this project will have no known effect on any potential or listed National Register historical, archeological, or architectural site. A copy of the letter is enclosed. The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining feels that a survey for this mine is unnecessary.

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If you have any comments or questions, please contact Ron Daniels or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "K. Michael Thompson".

K. MICHAEL THOMPSON
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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Enclosure: Copy of Letter

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